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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (cancelled).
2. (currently amended) A tool as claimed in claim [[1]] 3 in which the channel member is mountable to the body to extend in an arcuate configuration over the length of the channel member.
3. (currently amended) A tool as claimed in claim 1 for applying grout into a recess between adjacent tiles surfaces comprising:

a body for gripping by the user;

an elongate, resilient channel member on the body having in which the channel member comprises a pair of spaced side walls that define an elongate cavity facing away from the body to receive the a line of grout, said channel member being adapted for retaining the line of grout and delivering the grout into the recess by aligning and pressing of the channel member over the recess; and

a finishing portion on the body for compressing and shaping the grout after delivery into the recess.
4. (original) A tool as claimed in claim 3 in which the cavity is generally U-shaped in cross-section.
5. (original) A tool as claimed in claim 3 in which the cavity is formed with an internal surface adapted to release the line of grout when compressed over the recess.
6. (original) A tool as claimed in claim 5 in which the internal surface is formed with a plurality of spaced, transverse ribs along the length of the channel member.

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7. (currently amended) A tool as claimed in claim [[1]] 3 in which the channel member is mountable to the body by a mounting arrangement comprising:

at least two anchor points formed on the body; and

a resilient band formed on the channel member adapted to be stretched about the anchor points to retain the channel member against the body.

8. (original) A tool as claimed in claim 7 in which the body includes an arcuate surface extending between the at least two anchor points and the resilient channel member is mounted via the resilient band adjacent the arcuate surface which imparts an arcuate shape to the channel member over the length of the channel member.

9. (currently amended) A tool as claimed in claim [[1]] 3 in which the body includes an arcuate surface and the resilient channel member is mounted adjacent the arcuate surface which imparts an arcuate shape to the channel member over the length of the channel member.

10. (currently amended) A tool as claimed in claim [[1]] 3 in which the channel member is made from rubber.

11. (currently amended) A tool as claimed in claim [[1]] 3 in which the channel member and the finishing portion are arranged on different regions of the body such that the finishing portion is positioned for use after the channel member delivers grout to the recess.

12. (currently amended) A tool as claimed in claim [[1]] 3 in which the finishing portion comprises:

a compressing member to compress and shape the grout in the recess;

a scraping portion to channel grout into the recess and remove excess grout.

13[[12]]. (currently amended) A tool as claimed in claim [[11]] 12 in which the

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compressing member comprises a projection extending from the body having a distal end surface to compress and shape the grout in the recess on dragging of the finishing portion along the recess.

14[[13]]. (currently amended) A tool as claimed in claim [[11]] 12 in which the scraping portion includes a resilient surface to engage the tile.

15[[14]]. (currently amended) A tool as claimed in claim 14[[13]] including ridges formed on the resilient surface to direct grout toward the recess on dragging of the resilient surface along the recess.

16[[15]]. (currently amended) A tool as claimed in claim 14[[13]] in which the resilient surface includes a generally V-shaped passage adapted to collect and direct grout into the recess.

17[[16]]. (currently amended) A tool as claimed in claim 14[[13]] in which the resilient surface includes at least one opening to receive excess grout and direct the grout away from the resilient surface.

18[[17]]. (currently amended) A tool as claimed in claim [[11]] 12 in which the scraping portion comprises a resilient member adapted to be releasably mounted to the body, the resilient member having a resilient surface to direct grout to the recess, a generally V-shaped passage adapted to collect and direct grout in the recess and at least one opening therethrough to receive excess grout and direct the grout away from the resilient surface.

19[[18]]. (currently amended) A tool as claimed in claim [[17]] 18 in which the resilient member is formed with two openings adjacent the V-shaped passage

20[[19]]. (currently amended) A tool for delivering grout into a recess between adjacent tile surfaces comprising:

a body for gripping by the user;

an elongate, resilient channel member on the body having a pair of spaced side walls

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that define an elongate cavity facing away from the body, said channel member being adapted for retaining a line of grout and delivering the grout into the recess by aligning and pressing of the channel member over the recess.

21[[20]]. (currently amended) A tool as claimed in claim [[19]] 20 including a finishing portion on the body for compressing and shaping the grout after delivery into the recess.

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24. (new) A tool for applying grout into a recess between adjacent tile surfaces comprising:

a body for gripping by the user, and

an elongate, resilient channel member on the body adapted for retaining a line of grout and delivering the grout into the recess by aligning and pressing of the channel member over the recess wherein the body includes an arcuate surface and the resilient channel member is mounted adjacent the arcuate surface which imparts an arcuate shape to the channel member over the length of the channel member.

25. (new) A tool as claimed in claim 24 including a finishing portion on the body for compressing and shaping the grout after delivery into the recess.

26. (new) A tool for applying grout into a recess between adjacent tiles surfaces comprising:

a body for gripping by the user;

an elongate, resilient channel member on the body adapted for retaining a line of grout and delivering the grout into the recess by aligning and pressing of the channel member over the recess;

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a finishing portion on the body for manipulating the grout after delivery into the recess having a compressing member to compress and shape the grout in the recess and a scraping portion to channel grout into the recess and remove excess grout, the scraping portion including a resilient surface to engage the tile.

27. (new) A tool as claimed in claim 26 in which the scraping portion comprises a resilient member adapted to be releasably mounted to the body, the resilient member being formed with the resilient surface to direct grout to the recess, a generally V-shaped passage adapted to collect and direct grout in the recess and at least one opening therethrough to receive excess grout and direct the grout away from the resilient surface.
28. (new) A tool as claimed in claim 26 in which the compressing member comprises a projection extending from the body having a distal end surface to compress and shape the grout in the recess on dragging of the finishing portion along the recess.